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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 1723

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, MT, CH

SUBJ: PRC VISITING MISSION

REF: VALLETTA 1698

1. PRC AMBASSADOR LIU PU AUGUST 21 INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR IN BRIEF CONVERSATION AT RECEPTION THAT VISITING CHINESE GROUP IS LARGELY CONCERNED WITH QUESTION OF 300,000 TON DRYDOCK. LIU PU ALSO SAID ACTIVITY ON SITE HAS CONSISTED OF TAKING CORE SAMPLES OF ROCK FOR ANALYSIS BEFORE UNDERTAKING MAJOR EXCAVATIONS.

2. THIS APPEARS TO BE SUBSTANTIATED BY PRESS REPORTS OF GROUPS ACTIVITY, WHICH INCLUDED MEETING WITH DRYDOCKS MANAGER SAYS THEY DISCUSSED SHIPBUILDING POSSIBILITIES AS WELL AS LARGE DOCK. MALTA NEWS, PERHAPS SIGNIFICANTLY, SAYS MISSION IS HERE TO STUDY HOW BEST TO INVEST THE 17 MILLION POUND LOAN.

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3. COMMENT: IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IF CHINESE

ARE TAKING ANOTHER HARD LOOK AT BOTH PROBLEMS OF BUILDING THE  
300,000 TON DOCK AS WELL AS PROSPECTS FOR ITS VIABILITY.  
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